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REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environment report prepared for the United Nations Environment Programme has been approved by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the main features of this report; and

(c) the time by which this report is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) A State of Environment Report for India was prepared in 2001 under the Strengthening Environmental Assessment and Monitoring and Capabilities for Asia and the Pacific (SEAMCAP) project as a part of the UNEP`s larger initiative to produce a globa State of Environment 2002 for the 2002 Earth Summit.The report for India had been prepared in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The Report broadly covers the five priority issues pertaining to environment which include land degradation, biodiversity, air pollution with special reference to vehicular pollution in cities, management of fresh water resources and hazardous waste management. In addition, other issues relating to economic and social development in the country are also included. The objectives of the report are to increase the awareness and understanding of environmental trends and conditions, to provide a foundation for improved decision making at all levels and to facilitate the measurement of progress towards sustainability.

The report outlines possible strategies in respect of each of the five priority areas without any time bound programme for implementation. However, while formulating the five year plans and other policy documents, the issues highlighted in the report are addressed by the Government.